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Mrs Mary Lavery
5914 So. Green Street.
Chicago
Illinois

Mar. 12, 1942
4:00 P.M.

Hello Folks;

Received your letter yesterday and didn't mind the ad at all, in fact it was sort of inspiring. It arrived on a very rainy day and ~~my spirit was up to par~~ after reading your letter, my feelings were much better.

Fired the .30 caliber rifle for the first time today. It sure packs a wallop and talk about accurate it really hits what you're aiming at. We were told that the rifle is our best friend and I really believe them. Load almost all my time keeping it cleaned and in good condition. Didn't do so bad today tho we were only sighting in our rifles. Got thirty-seven out of a possible forty points, hope I do as well on Record Day. I know one thing and that is I really am going to

try and qualify.

We are firing on the second largest rifle range in the world. They have one hundred consecutive targets in one line. It really is a sight to see and hear all the rifles being fired at once. The noise is deafening and if it wasn't for the cotton in your ears you would probably be deafened in a few minutes.

They have a different system on the target range. They have five men to a target and one coach. I am the fifth relay on target #42. That means I am the last man to fire on each target, and in each position. It really is the best number because from watching the other fellows shoot I can judge how much windage to allow for my shot.

Out on the target range the expression that is used the most is "Keep em in the Black." That means keep all your shots in the bullseye.

Every minute that we are out there we are being coached on the different positions and being warned and begged to keep the sight at six o'clock and squeeze not jerk the trigger.

The Record course is not a snap by no means in fact it is pretty tough. We fire a maximum of two hundred practice shots and then fire fifty for Record. Here is the course we fire

Slow fire 10 shots at ^{1200 Yards} A Target Offhand or Standing
Rapid fire 10 ✓ ✓ 10 ✓ Sitting One Minute

300 Yards

Slow fire 10 shots at A Target 5 Sitting and 5 Kneeling
Rapid fire 10 shots at D Target Prone 1 Minute 10 sec.

500 Yards

Slow fire 10 shots at B Target Prone

That means we shoot fifty rounds at five points a piece or a possible two fifty. To qualify we need 195 points. To make

sharpshooter we need 215 points. To make
Expert we need 225 points. It dont sound
like much but if you relax on just
one target you might not be able to
qualify.

The fellows in our Platoon are getting
down to work and we all want to qualify.
That is all we talk of because if you
dont qualify it means that the chances
of getting a rating are very slim.

Will write later and tell you the
size of the targets in the next letter.
Say hello to Mum and Eddie and
give them a kiss for me.

So Long.

George

P.S.

Hopes this letter finds you in
better health. Excuse the writing
as I am in a hurry.